

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A stackable planter, comprising:  
a plurality of planter trays, each planter tray having at least one planter ~~cups~~ cup at a periphery for holding soil;~~and~~  
an annular inner rib defining a center portion of ~~the~~ at least one planter tray, the center portion having an aperture; and  
~~wherein the an annular inner rib defining a center portion of one of the planter trays has another planter tray having~~ a bottom wall that extends across the center portion and defines a recess for holding soil, whereby one or more plants ~~may~~ can be placed in the center of the stackable planter;~~and~~  
~~wherein the planter trays are shaped to nest within one another when in a collapsed configuration.~~
2. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein the inner rib is sized to separate the at least one planter cup from the aperture of the center portion.
3. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein the inner rib is configured to retain soil within the at least one planter cup separate from the center portion.
4. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein a planter tray of the plurality of planter trays is configured to nest within a second planter tray while in a collapsed condition.
5. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein the planter cup is configured with an outer profile selected from the group consisting of round, oval, rectangular, diamond shaped, and polygon.
6. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein a base of at least one planter tray is configured to removably engage an upper portion of a second planter tray.
7. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, further comprising an engagement mechanism configured to secure the plurality of planter trays in a terraced configuration.
8. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, wherein the planter tray is further configured to suspend from a support.
9. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, further comprising a cart configured to support the plurality of planter trays.
10. (New) The stackable planter of claim 9, wherein the cart further comprises a rim.

11. (New) The stackable planter of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of wheels attached to the cart.
12. (New) The stackable planter of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of stakes attached to the cart.
13. (New) The stackable planter of claim 1, further comprising a watering tank configured to fit within the center portion of a planter tray.
14. (New) The stackable planter of claim 13, wherein the watering tank comprises a port configured to distribute water to the planter trays.
15. (New) The stackable planter of claim 13, wherein the watering tank further comprises an opening configured to receive water and a plug for the opening configured to measure nutrients.
16. (New) The stackable planter of claim 13, wherein the watering tank further comprises an extension configured to fit downward through the center portion of at least one planter tray stacked below the watering tank.
17. (New) A method for growing plants comprising:
  - providing a stackable planter comprising,
    - a plurality of planter trays, each planter tray having at least one planter cup at a periphery for holding soil;
    - an annular inner rib defining a center portion of at least one planter tray;
    - wherein the center portion of at least one of the planter trays has a bottom wall that extends across the center portion and defines a recess for holding soil, whereby one or more plants can be placed in the center of the stackable planter;
  - placing soil in the cups of a planter tray; and
  - planting plants in the soil.
18. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising planting a plant in the center portion of a planter tray having a bottom wall, the center portion defined by the annular inner rib.
19. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising assembling the planter trays in a configuration selected from the group consisting of stacked, terraced, suspended, and positioned to encircle a vertical object.
20. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising placing a watering tank in the center section of the planter tray defined by the inner rib.